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For: Surface Structure of Metallic Body )

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Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-261730 discloses that a metal material is plated with nickel and with gold.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this document and make it of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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